

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH FORUMS EL DORADO – SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

### Community Development

#### El Dorado (Central)

- How will SNC help sustain small communities without damaging community and environment- technical assistance- leverage assets
- Economic diversification- one sector too many (e.g. timber) - move with economic times
- Other ways to grow instead of trading lands for homes/ 2nd homes - preserve working landscapes
- Leverage working farms to promote economic development
- Internet/ telecom connecting to promote growth of small businesses- leverage innovation
- Value-added products : biomass to energy, furniture out of wood, fruit to jams, fruits to pies, cider mills, Ethanol / Methanol from wineries, High Sierra Beer, Fruits to wine
- Having State/ Regional Agencies develop some consistencies across the region
- Infrastructure- water systems (Delivery and waste), Transportation, Sidewalks/ bikes (non-motorized), Planning support for growth- tourism, population, seasonality (multiple use), workforce housing and needs public involvement, Financing for all of the above, and pooling resources (community financing pools)
- Planning: Spearhead regional planning efforts and low-impact development
- Best Management Practices- clearinghouse, networks
- Support of general plan updates: studies in cost effective manner, technical assistance to reduce costs, clearinghouse/disseminator, asset inventory, GIS users group
- Sierra wide agricultural marketing program- regional branding, assistance to ranchers/ farmers
- Checkerboard issues
- Wildland / urban interface
- Working across government, public, private, sectors on forestry
- Support fire safe councils- funding, legislative support
- Landscape continuity- conservation
- Coop with local, state, and federal agencies
- Conservation easements- protect against 'ranchettes'
- Leasing grazing rights instead of selling rights in perpetuity- rates for most important land
- Funnel data about agricultural issues through Agency from local sources
- Working directly with P,G, & E Stewardship Council
- Place for funding for monitoring and maintenance
- Improve local economy
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Education about local issues and improve schools
- Incentives for existing businesses and working ranches to keep them in the tax base
- Increase agricultural tourism by helping to create markets, branding
- Bear River Mercury remediation to improve fisheries and water-related tourism
- Preserve infrastructure that supports resource based economy
- Restoring and protecting riparian zones on public and private lands
- Recognize and support indigenous cultures in region and existing stewardship of land
- Help to create conservation easements that work- I.e. term easements, owner control
- Preserve a buffer between agriculture and urban
- Safety and health of children e.g. tremelite asbestos ( Oakridge H.S., El Dorado Hills Community Service District)
- Link between fuels reduction, biomass, and Cogen
- Maintain diversity of economic classes- higher wealth gap, loss of lower and middle classes, maintain healthy communities

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### Health & Well Being

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- Be sure to implement SNEP via this conservancy and programs
- Clearly identify critical habitat in the Sierra
- Discuss low-impact development standards - for example Sacramento Blueprint
- List of stakeholders to collaborate with
- Acquisitions and easement programs through RCD's
- Outreach and education in the field
- Make sure fire-safety in Yuba Co. foothills
- Make sure programs focus on air and water quality
- Education for new residents about fire-safety, personal responsibility and other issues
- Education as a linkage between fire and air and water quality
- Needs to identify what standard it will use especially related to forest management
- How far are we talking about protecting natural resources? - Timber
- Can Conservancy develop a G.I.S. cooperative - with training and access in rural areas?
- Like to see more funding for small property owners for natural resource and animal resources
- Take advantage of C.C.C. and C.Y.A programs
- Money for maintenance of rural roads for safety and evacuation
- Like to see arts, cultural, historical, archeological given higher priority
- Make sure programs developed do not interfere with profit-making on private land. Especially farms
- Like to see health issues and clinics addressed - coordinated program to bring more health resources to the Sierra
- Support programs that maximize ecosystem function
- Establish 100-year vision of what Sierra will look like- desired future conditions
- How does SNC fit in with other agency functions / programs special districts- local- state- federal, communication network
- Can N.C.C.P. objectives be met through conservancy (non-mitigating)
- Wants to fund fire safety councils
- Employ local artists in the development and placement of marketing materials and signage
- Site-based sculpture / public art
- Blue Oak Woodlands / Rangelands protection too under-funded
- Develop National Treasure Program " Living Treasures" in Sierra Nevada - master artists, etc.
- Bond money, taxpayer money should not go to non-profit organizations that negatively impact private property rights
- What role can conservancy play in making sure we do not lose our historic buildings?
- Funding for historical building preservation- historic downtowns
- Could conservancy play role in increasing local knowledge about naturally occurring asbestos in rocks and soils
- Aid in expansion of historical / museum preservation groups / networks using existing networks like Placer County

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### Property Rights

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- Public outreach to private owners to teach them about BMP's for their land
- Would SNC have management plans for any lands it has an interest in?
- Acquire conservation easements for habitat protection and open space preservation
- Want clarification on how SNC proposed to consult with local governments on proposed projects (wording on #3 in "can-do" list in unclear)
- Want more program projects that encourage minimization of subdivision of land
- Have a program for private property owners to voluntarily have cultural/historical resources of their property documented and included in a database of such resources
- Help property owner and local governments become aware of locations of veins of naturally occurring asbestos
- Want to know if SNC can hold easements- want clarification
- Definitely don't want SNC funding any condemnation proceedings by local entities
- Emphasis on maintaining private property wherever possible and with voluntary, incentive-based programs to keep properties economically viable
- Concerned about SNC being involved in properties being taken off tax rolls, and how to compensate counties for such loss
- Can SNC lease development rights (not in perpetuity- maybe 20-25 year lease) as a way to maintain working landscapes and keep property in tax base? Can help mitigate development pressures. Grazing one specific concern
- Need to balance increased financial burdens of rural residential development against current tax revenues from pre-development state
- Utilize state assets (CYA, CCC) on private property for fuel/ fire hazard reduction

### Technical Assistance

#### El Dorado (Central)

- Acquisition and available?
- RCD's - no funding sources -- need grant funds
- Accessibility of funds, technical assistance? Difficulty with spreading assistance over 22 counties
- Agricultural assistance -- (development of value- added product), farmers' markets, grant-writing
- Transfer of local info to SNC
- Network with cities -- to get involved in process as-hoc committee for cities
- GIS users group and communication, development of technology (beyond dial-up)
- Training of community groups by experts
- Convening stakeholder groups for collaborative planning and management
- Give- and- take between SNC and local expertise (especially agriculture) -- rely on local knowledge
- Grant-writing assistance for SNC a plus, many organizations don't have staff, resources to do this
- Suggest Sierra Nevada agricultural marketing program -- farmers and ranchers are not able to market their products
- Development of clinics, health services -- planning grants, towns with limited tax revenues need assistance with acquiring medical equipment
- Fostering relationships between state and county (local) arts councils. County arts council can help foster relationships
- Revisit work done under SNEP, look to SNEP for implementation and guidance policies
- Utilize department of conservation in providing technical assistance
- Streamline permitting process
- develop biomass potential
- Utilize California Conservation Corps

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- Use of private entities for (not just contract employees) for expertise
- Involvement of federal agencies (BLM, USFS)
- Guide through regions thru "blueprint" and planning process
- Bring expertise to small communities (instead of having each community go to trainings)
- Make better use of existing assets "creative reuse" think outside of box - example) transforming irrigation pond to wildlife habitat
- Economic Analysis to recognize community changes and take proactive steps (rather than reactive/ corrective steps)
- Tap into expertise of regional organizations such as Arts Councils
- Aggressively collaborate with U.C. Merced to bring research and outreach (intellectual infrastructure) into the Sierra

### Tourism & Recreation

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- Agricultural, arts, and Heritage tourism under a single umbrella (cultural tourism) in order to preserve farmland and open space and promote local and regional artists
- Tourism and recreation should include hunting and fishing components through- maintenance of access points, marketing, producing revenue through gaming preserves, equal access for different activities shared, North Fork American River access through private property so include access through these lands
- Determine how to co-exist with off-road community both for people who want serene environment and OHV community (stewardship)
- Use existing and implement and build existing research like SNEP
- Leave no trace education for all users, especially groups (OHV) who are not aware. (peer-to-peer education, encourage policing own community)
- Trail access in appropriate areas- maintaining existing historical trails (North Fork American River) -monitoring, rule enforcement
- Develop scenic backways (to access with registered vehicle)
- Trail systems on working landscapes with easements attached to protect landscapes and access
- Horses, rv's, boats access
- Living histories- agricultural/mining/ timber- highlighted in educational way that is balanced
- Encourage communities with shared historic, agricultural, recreation, etc. assets to work together - regional tourism
- Sponsoring clean-ups at popular recreation areas/ leverage other state assets CYA, CCC, etc.
- Develop tourism map through Sierra Nevada Conservancy to make logical 7-day tour (arts councils- Sierra Nevada Arts Alliance)
- Increasing safety for cycling transportation- clean roads, lanes, trails, technical assistance to communities to access state and federal funds for non-motor transit
- More rest stops and picnic areas
- Recreation master plan
- Web-based portal for all recreation opportunities- coordinating local information in one place for all users
- Interpretive signage
- Bikeways for local transportation
- Public art opportunities on public lands/ education based
- Developing recreational opportunities for youth- educational programs
- Public transit to outdoor amenities for visitors and locals
- Provide public easements on private land to public lands
- Access for all uses - equal consideration
- Working with existing agencies and within existing programs for education, maintenance, operations, signage, etc.

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- Increase agricultural tourism opportunities
- Involvement / mediation with hydropower relicensing for future tourism opportunities- fight for water release
- Promoting tourism to protect character of small communities
- Increasing and developing cultural corridors and trails

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